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SUBJ: KOREA AT 30TH GA: PROCEDURAL DISCUSSIONS ON VOTING

PRIORITY AT OPENING MEETING

1. DEBATE ON KOREAN ITEM BEGAN IN COMMITTEE I ON 21 OCTOBER. AT MORNING MEETING ALGERIA INTRODUCED THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THE ROK FM SPOKE, JAPAN INTRODUCED THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, FRANCE EXPLAINED FRENCH AMENDMENTS AND THANKED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION COSPONSORS FOR INCORPORATING THEM IN THE REVISED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, AND CAR FM AND PARAGUAY SPOKE IN FAVOR OF FRIENDLY TEXT. DESPITE CHAIRMAN GHORRA'S REQUEST AT BEGINNING OF THE MEETING THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD SPEAK ON SUBSTANCE AND TAKE UP PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS QATER STAGE, ALGERIAN AMB RAHAL SPOKE AT THE END OF THE MEETING ON A POINT OF ORDER TO STATE DISSATISFACTION WITH THE SECRETARIAT'S HANDLING OF KOREAN DOCUMENTATION. RAHAL ASKED THE SECRETARIAT TO EXPLAIN WHY IT HAD GIVEN THE NUMBER L.708/REVISION 1 TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION INSTEAD OF TREATING IT AS A "NEW" RESOLUTION BEARING A HIGHER NUMBER AND ONE LATER THAN L.709, THE HOSTILE TEXT. SAUDI ARABIAN AMB BAROODY OBSERVED THAT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION HAD BEEN SUBMITTED IN JUNE, THE HOSTILE TEXT IN AUGUST. HE LATER

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POINTED OUT THAT COSPONSORS OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION CAN ALWAYS

REVISE IT BEFORE VOTING BEGINS WITHOUT ITS BECOMING A "NEW" PROPOSAL. BOTH BAROODY AND THE CHAIRMAN (THE LATTER REPEATEDLY) URGED THAT PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS BE POSTPONED. FIRST COMMITTEE SECRETARY BANERJEE DEFENDED THE NUMBERS ASSIGNED THE VARIOUS RESOLUTIONS BUT THEN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE FOR THE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE WHETHER THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS HAD SO SUBSTANTIALLY ALTERED THE CHARACTER OF THE ORIGINAL FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS TO MAKE IT A "NEW" TEXT.

2. ALGERIA SUGGESTED THAT "MANEUVERING" WAS INVOLVED IN THE DESIGNATION L.708/REV.1. SENEGALESE AMB FALL SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT BANERJEE'S EXPLANATION AND ASSERTED THAT THE COMPETING RESOLUTIONS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME DATE, NAMELY THE DAY THE ASSEMBLY DECIDED TO INSCRIBE THE KOREAN QUESTION ON THE 30TH SESSION AGENDA (SIC), RATHER THAN REFLECTING THE ORIGINAL SUBMISSION DATES OF JUNE AND AUGUST; HE LATER INSISTED THAT L.708/REV.1 IS A NEW RESOLUTION. FRENCH CHARGE LECOMPT STATED HIS SURPRISE THAT FRANCE WAS ACCUSED OF "MANEUVERING;" THE AMENDMENTS INCORPORATED IN THE REVISED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION MERELY CLARIFIED THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL, AND THE OPENING FRENCH STATEMENT HAD BEEN INTENDED TO IDENTIFY THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE, NOT TO SUGGEST THAT L.708/REV. 1 WAS A NEW PROPOSAL. WITH FURTHER APPEALS BY THE CHAIR AND STATEMENTS BY SENEGAL AND ALERIA, THE MORNING MEETING CLOSED AT ABOUT 2:00.M. THE AFTERNOON MEETING DID NOT REVERT TO THIS MATTER BUT HEARD STATEMENTS BY THE DPRK, CHINA, SYRIA, THE USSR, ROMANIA, AND CONGO, AN UNRELEVED LITANY OF ACCUSATIONS, MISREPRESENTATIONS AND KNOWING OBFUSCATIONS CONCERNING PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, REUNIFICATION, AND ROK AND US POLICY. TUNISIA AND NIGER HELPFULLY ASKED FOR CIRCULATION OF THE 1953 ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SINCE THIS IS CRITICAL TO THE DISCUSSION.

3. COMMENT: THE ALGERIAN/SENEGALESE PURPOSE WAS TO CONFUSE OUR ENTITLEMENT TO PRIORITY BUT NOT TO PUSH TO THE VOTE AT THIS STAGE THE ALGERIAN MOTION TO REVERSE PRIORITY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEY DID THE HOSTILE CAUSE ANY GOOD WITH THIS TACTIC, WHICH WAS DISRUPTIVE AND IN THE FACE OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REPEATED APPEALS. BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MATTER OF PRIORITY WILL BE DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE NEXT WEEK, NOT THIS WEEK. A LIKELY DATE IS WEDNESDAY, 29 OCTOBER, THIS BEING THE LAST DAY THE COMMITTEE EARLIER ALLOTTED TO THE KOREAN ITEM. A POSTPONEMENT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO BASIS NOW FOR PREDICTING POSTPONEMENT.

4. THE US IS NOW INSCRIBED TO SPEAK AT THE BEGINNING OF THE

AFTERNOON MEETING ON THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER.

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT IF DESIRED.
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